

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION HEARING SYNOPSIS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Regular Session

6:00 P.M.

Council Wing, Rooms W-118 & 119

200 East Santa Clara Street San José, CA

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Good evening, my name is **Ed Janke**, and I am the Chair of the Historic Landmarks Commission. On behalf of the Commission, I would like to welcome you to tonight's meeting. I will now call to order the *November 7, 2007* meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission. Please remember to turn off your cell phones and pagers.

If you want to address the Commission, fill out a speaker card (located at the technician's station), and give the completed card to the technician. Please include the agenda item number for reference.

The procedure for public hearings is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants may make a five-minute presentation.
- Anyone wishing to speak in favor of the proposal should prepare to come forward. After the proponents speak, anyone wishing to speak in opposition should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have two minutes*.
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The Commission will then close the public hearing. The Historic Landmarks Commission will take action on the item.

The procedure for referrals is as follows:

- Anyone wishing to speak on a referral should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have one minute*.
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The Historic Landmarks Commission will comment on the referral item.

If a Commissioner would like a topic to be addressed under one of the Good and Welfare items, please contact Planning staff in advance of the Commission meeting.

An agenda and a copy of all staff reports have been placed on the table for your convenience.

AGENDA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6:00 PM SESSION

1. ROLL CALL

All present except Commissioner Thacker.

2. **DEFERRALS**

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

The matter of deferrals is now closed

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission, staff or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately. If anyone in the audience wishes to speak on one of these items, please make your request at this time.

a. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2007 HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION SYNOPSIS.

The Consent Calendar is now closed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. The projects being considered are for the Miller-Hubbard House, located at 201 S. 13th Street. Peter Smith, property owner. Council District: 3. SNI: University. CEQA: Exempt.
 - 1. <u>HL07-163</u>. Historic Landmark Nomination of the subject property as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the designation of the Miller-Hubbard House as Historic Landmark No. HL07-163 to the City Council.

2. <u>MA07-008</u>. Historical Property Contract (Mills Act contract) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the subject property.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the proposed Historical Property Contract to the City Council.

Commissioner Cunningham discussed items related to the Mills Actpreservation plan, including the shear wall, tie-downs, and refinishing of the hardwoood flooring.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED (5-0-1, Colombe disqualified, Thacker absent)

- b. The projects being considered are for the Martin House, located at 295 Sequoia Avenue. Lawrence Camuso, property owner. Council District: 6. S.N.I. area: None. CEQA: Exempt.
 - 1. <u>HL07-164</u>. Historic Landmark Nomination for the subject property as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the designation of the Martin House as Historic Landmark No. HL07-164 to the City Council.

2. <u>MA07-009</u>. Historical Property Contract (Mills Act contract) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the subject property.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the proposed Historical Property Contract to the City Council.

Lorie Bird, a neighbor, spoke in favor of designation of the Martin House as a Historic Landmark, commenting that the house was an example of passionate conservation with outstanding results.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

- c. The projects being considered are for the Richards-Field House, located at 523 S. 6th Street. Sandra and Walter Soellner, property owners. Council District: 3. S.N.I. area: University. CEQA: Exempt.
 - 1. <u>HL07-165</u>. Historic Landmark Nomination for the subject property as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the designation of the Field House as Historic Landmark No. HL07-165 to the City Council.

2. <u>MA07-010</u>. Historical Property Contract (Mills Act contract) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the subject property.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the proposed Historical Property Contract to the City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

- d. The projects being considered are for the Mojmir Apartment building, located at 470 S. Third Street. Steve Cohen, property owner. Council District: 3. S.N.I. area: University. CEQA: Exempt.
 - 1. <u>HL07-166</u>. Historic Landmark Nomination for the subject property as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the designation of the Mojmir Apartment building as Historic Landmark No. HL07-166 to the City Council.

2. <u>MA07-011</u>. Historical Property Contract (Mills Act contract) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the subject property.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the proposed Historical Property Contract to the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Commissioner Cunningham commented on whether the carport is a contributing feature of the property whether it should be included in the Mills Act preservation plan. Staff stated that while the carport was not a characte- defining feature of the building, it dates from approximately the same period of construction as the main building and lends to the historic fabric and overall significance of the property.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

- e. ADDITION OF QUALIFYING PROPERTIES TO THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY. The addition of the following commercial buildings, located on the north side of Park Avenue between Sonoma Street and Gifford Avenue, to the City of San José Historic Resources Inventory. Council District: 3. SNI: Delmas Park. CEQA: Exempt.
 - 1. 437 Park Avenue. Owner: Gorin, Victor and Mercedes.
 - 2. 445 Park Avenue. Owner: City of San José
 - 3. 457 Park Avenue. Owner: Nehru, Michael and David

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolutions individually listing the Qualifying Properties on the City of San José Historic Resources Inventory as Structures of Merit.

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Staff noted that the finalized DPR forms and cover letters included with the item are a revision from a previous draft version. The finalized documents state that the structures qualify for the Historic Resources Inventory, correcting a previous error in which the draft DPRs stated that two of the properties did not qualify for the HRI (which conflicted with the staff report and tally sheets for the two properties). Franklin Maggi, of Archives and Architecture (historical Consultants) discussed the evaluations and how the properties related to the Lakehouse historic district (within the study area but not built during the study area's period of significance).

Commissioner Lavelle requested clarification on how proposed changes to an HRI-listed property are reviewed. Staff indicated the Inventory is primarily an informational listing. Proposed changes that don't affect the building's eligibility would be reviewed similarly as for a non-listed commercial. Proposals for demolition or significant alteration would trigger an evaluation of whether then changes constitute a CEQA impact.

Commission Stabile stated she could support the recommendation of 445 Park Avenue but felt the other two structures were too nondescript to warrant inclusion on the HRI. She suggested considering the buildings individually. Chair Janke commented that structures in this era of architecture are being dismissed as non-meritous structures and cautioned views could be different 20 years from now. Commissioner Peak spoke in favor of staff's recommendation on the basis that the evaluations had been completed and the buildings had been determined eligible. Commissioner Colombe commented that 437 and 445 Park Avenue were representative of their era and use; they are nondescript and plain because that was the style of these types of buildings at that time.

MOTION TO ADOPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FAILED (3-3-1, Cunningham, Lavelle, Stabile opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION LISTING 445 PARK AVENUE ON THE CITY OF SAN JOSE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY AS A STRUCTURE OF MERIT APPROVED (4-2-1, Cunningham, Lavelle opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION LISTING 437 PARK AVENUE ON THE CITY OF SAN JOSE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY AS A STRUCTURE OF MERIT APPROVED (4-2-1, Stabile, Lavelle opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION LISTING 457 PARK AVENUE ON THE CITY OF SAN JOSE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY AS A STRUCTURE OF MERIT FAILED (3-3-1, Cunningham, Lavelle, Stabile opposed, Thacker absent)

f. MA07-012. Historical Property Contract (Mills Act contract) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the Sainte Claire Building, 301 S. 1st Street, City Landmark No. HL01-126. Jim Fox/Saratoga Capital, Inc., property owner. Council District: 3. S.N.I. area: None. CEQA: Exempt.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the proposed Historical Property Contract to the City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

g. GP05-05-03/PDC06-121. General Plan Amendment request to change the Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation from General Commercial on 0.4 acres and Medium High Density Residential (12-25 DU/AC) on 0.9 acres to Transit Corridor Residential (20+ DU/AC) on the 1.5 gross acre site, and Planned Development Rezoning from CG Commercial General and R-1-8 Single Family Residential District to A(PD) Planned Development District to allow 79 single-family attached residences (condominiums) and 6,100 square feet of retail commercial. The site is located at 1936 Alum Rock Avenue, approximately 270 feet east of McCreery Avenue. (David Mijares, Owner). Council District 5. SNI: Mayfair. CEQA: Pending.

Staff Recommendation: Historic Landmarks Commission 1) Forward a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the disposition of the identified Structure of Merit located on the site, and 2) Consider Adoption of a Resolution listing the qualifying property on the Historic Resources Inventory.

Judi Henderson, representing Preservation Action Council of San Jose, voiced the PACSJ's recommendation that the HLC not support the demolition of the identified structure and that it be listed as a Structure of Merit on the HRI.

Commissioner Peak asked if there was information on the structural condition of the building. Property owner, David Mijares, indicated the property needed significant repair, specifically stating electrical and plumbing did not meet code requirements. Commissioner Cunningham asked if there was a cost estimate to get the building into workable commercial condition. Mr. Mijares did not have an estimate of the prospective costs but opined they would be significant.

Commissioner Peak suggested that when HLC's recommendation on a project and disposition of the identified resource is forwarded to the Planning Commission based on a staff evaluation that differs from the consultant's historic report, the project's administrative record should clearly identify the reasons supporting HLC's recommendation regarding the resource. Staff made reference to language contained in the staff report that the vernacular building appears to qualify for listing on the HRI as a clearly identifiable and early (1948) example of a mid-century, post World War II building associated with commercial roadside development patterns.

Commissioner Peak requested clarification on the process should the Planning Commission or City Council recommend demolition of the building. Staff indicated standard measures (e.g., Non-HABS documentation, salvage) would be included in a Mitigated Negative Declaration for demolition of a Structure of Merit. The HLC would not need to address the standard measures unless they felt they were inappropriate. Should the Commission want to add other conditions, it could be done at this point. Staff agreed to include an HLC Memorandum with the Staff Report to the Planning Commission and City Council identifying HLC's recommendation that the building itself be incorporated into the project and to request the applicant explore alternatives that would preserve the Farmers Supply commercial building.

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION LISTING THE QUALIFYING PROPERTY ON THE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY APPROVED (5-1-1, Stabile opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING REHABILITATION AND RESUSE OF THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH THE OTHER USES PROPOSED ON THE PROJECT APPROVED (5-1-1, Stabile opposed, Thacker absent)

5. <u>REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR OTHER AGENCIES</u>

a. Report on Funding Opportunity Discussions for BART Station Entrance in the Bank of Italy Building. City Landmark No. HS84-27, located on the southeast corner of South First and Santa Clara Streets (12 South First Street) in the Downtown Commercial National Register Historic District.

Staff Recommendation: Historic Landmarks Commission to forward an Informational Memorandum regarding the project to the City Council.

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Staff reviewed the status of this item stating the City Council has already forwarded its recommendation to the VTA Board that the Bank of Italy Building be the preferred design alternative for the downtown BART Station Entrance. A draft letter was provided to the Commissioners on 11/7/07. The Commission agreed more time was needed to thoroughly review the letter. Recommendation was made to continue the item to a Special HLC meeting at the standing 11/14/07 DRC meeting.

b. <u>SF07-050</u>. Single Family House Permit to demolish an existing single-family residence, listed as an Identified Structure in the Hester/Hanchett Conservation Area, in order to allow construction of two detached single family residences on two existing lots of record located at 1336 Magnolia Avenue. (Cullen, owner) Council District 6. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt.

Staff Recommendation: Historic Landmarks Commission 1) Forward a recommendation to the Director of Planning regarding the disposition of the listed Historic Resource located on the site

Robert Cullen, property owner, addressed the Commission. He indicated the neighbors on Magnolia Avenue had been invited to the location to provide input on the proposed demolition of the structure to allow the construction of two single family residences on the two existing lots. He reported that the neighbors he had spoken with were in support of the project. Mr. Cullen indicated his willingness to work with staff to assure the two new residences would fit in with the neighborhood and be a positive addition.

Commissioner Cunningham inquired about possible reuse of the current structure repositioning it on the property. Mr. Cullen indicated the house does not meet the current setback requirements that would allow a driveway and detached garage. Parts of the structure would have to be removed to make the alternative feasible.

Commissioner Colombe inquired about proposed building materials and how they would fit into a Historic Conservation Area. Mr. Cullen indicated the proposal is still conceptual but it would be a modified Victorian that did not strictly replicate the traditional Victorian style yet included an appropriate amount of design elements so it would fit in with the Victorian style homes in the area. He further indicated wood siding and wood windows would be used with quality construction. Ms. Colombe also asked if Mr. Cullen had considered the option of one large home. Mr. Cullen indicated a single structure would dwarf the homes around it.

Chair Janke inquired if the structure had been evaluated by a structural engineer. Mr. Cullen indicated it had not but that the roof, rafters and ceilings had substantial rot and were unsafe.

Lorie Bird, representing the Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association, conveyed that the Association would like to see the Hanchett Park area retain older, significant buildings. She felt removal of the structure would undermine the character and fabric of the neighborhood. She requested that the Commission carefully consider the impact on the character of the neighborhood when making their decision.

Community members Ruth Cavagnaro, Deborah Arant, Maureen Murphy; as well as PAC SJ Advocacy Director Judi Henderson spoke against the proposed demolition of the building.

Commissioner Cunningham inquired if the home could remain as situated and not become a two house site. Staff indicated the Commission could make that recommendation. Commission Lavelle queried about the rights of the property owner in determining how the property is used. Staff replied that property owners do not have the right to demolish an HRI-listed structure without discretionary review by the Director of Planning. Chair Janke commented that the house appears to be qualified, but low ranking. Nonetheless, he could not support demolition of the structure.

MOTION RECOMMENDING PRESERVATION OF THE STRUCTURE IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION, AND DENIAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY, DENIED (3-3-1, Peak, Colombe, Janke opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION RECOMMENDING PRESERVATION OF THE STRUCTURE; DIRECTOR WORK WITH APPLICANT TO EITHER PRESERVE IN PLACE OR RELOCATE ON-SITE TO ALLOW NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND HOUSE, DENIED (2-4-1, Janke, Stabile, Cunningham, Lavelle opposed, Thacker absent)

MOTION THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND THE STRUCTURE BE PRESERVED APPROVED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

c. <u>DEIR for Park View Towers Project</u> located on north side of East St. James Street Between North First and North Second Streets, within Downtown San Jose (H05-029, HP05-002, HP05-003). The project includes the demolition of two attached commercial structures (including Letcher's Garage), rehabilitation of an existing building (the First Church of Christ Scientist), and the construction of two new tower structures. The project will include approximately 11,300 square feet of new retail floor space on the ground floor of Tower Two; approximately 188 residential units in Towers One and Two, including approximately 5 live/work units in Tower One; and the creation of new commercial space in the rehabilitated First Church of Christ Scientist building. Tower One would be located on the northern portion of the site, adjacent to Devine Street. Tower Two would be located on the western portion of the site, adjacent to N. 1st Street, within the Historic District.

Staff Recommendation: Historic Landmarks Commission to provide comment and authorize the HLC Chair to sign a DEIR comment letter on behalf of the commission, to the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

The Commission discussed the adequacy of the range of project alternatives identified in the DEIR. Chair Janke requested that the Commission be presented with a broader range of alternatives that included a smaller-project (reduced density) alternative.

Commissioner Stabile identified a concern regarding the visual impact of the height of the proposed project and disagreed with the impact being identified as less-than-significant. She further expressed concern that no alternative was presented that included a lower height and requested that such an alternative be provided.

Commissioner Colombe inquired about the adequacy of the alternative to preserve Letcher's Garage, with a concern that the removal of the trusses and roof in this alternative constitutes a significant impact to Letcher's and therefore fails to achieve the alternative's purpose. Staff indicated that alternative would not achieve the project's objective. Staff indicated that a revised alternative that includes no development above the Letcher's building may not be able to meet the project objectives of building the proposed number of residential units.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION APPROVED (6-0-1, Thacker absent)

d. <u>DEIR for Coleman Avenue/Autumn Street Improvements</u> to widen Coleman Avenue to six lanes between Hedding Street and Autumn Street, a distance of approximately 0.8 mile (PP06-166). The segment of Coleman Avenue is currently four lanes. North of Hedding Street, Coleman Avenue has recently been widened to six lanes as part of the I-880/Coleman Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. The project will widen, partially realign, and extend Autumn Street between Coleman Avenue and Park Avenue, a distance of approximately 1.1 miles. Autumn Street currently varies from two to three lanes and terminates north of Julian Street.

Staff Recommendation: Historic Landmarks Commission to provide comment and authorize the HLC Chair to sign a DEIR comment letter on behalf of the commission, to the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

The Commissioners had not received documentation on the item. Recommendation was made to continue the item to a Special HLC meeting at the standing 11/14/07 DRC meeting.

6. <u>PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</u>

Public comments to the Historic Landmarks Commission on non-agendized items. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes. The Commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Historic Landmarks Commission is limited to the following options:

- 1. Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- 2. Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- 3. Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda
 - a. Public Comment

Judi Henderson representing PAC San Jose requested:

- 1) The meeting be adjourned in memory of former Historic Landmarks Commissioner Dave Aiken.
- 2) The permitting process for removing or adding embellishments to the bridges over Coyote Creek be clarified.
- 3) The San Jose Medical Center EIR be dealt with as one total project.
- 4) An EIR be done on Fire Station 1.

Chair Janke requested that staff communicate to the Redevelopment Agency that the HLC should be included in discussions of proposals that would involve changes to, or the loss of, Fire Station One.

7. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from the Redevelopment Agency. No Report
- b. Report from the Secretary.
 - 1. Status of Circulation of Environmental Review Documents http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/

The Carlysle mixed-use high-rise (H07-008)

(bounded by W. St. John St., N. Almaden Ave., Carlysle St., & Notre Dame St.) Staff Reviewing Administrative Draft Initial Study/MND

The Mitigated Negative Declaration has begun its public comment period and will close on November 26, 2007. Recommendation was made to discuss the item at a Special HLC meeting at the standing 11/14/07 DRC meeting.

Demolition of the San José Medical Center DEIR NOP distributed July 7, 2007

PDC06-094 Morrisson Park Planned Development Rezoning

Japantown Corporation Yard October 1, 2007 NOP Distribution

2. Status of previous HLC Recommendations on Referrals to City Council, Boards, Commissions, and Other Agencies.

PDC06-100. 744 Morse Street Planned Development Rezoning PD Rezoning and PD Permit for relocation approved. PD Permit for new construction to be referred to DRC. *No Update* .

Stephen's Meat Products Building Construction Contract for Demolition September 11, 2007 Redevelopment Agency Board

3. Fall 2007 Historic Landmarks Commission Retreat.

We and Our Neighbors Clubhouse, located at 15480 Union Avenue National Register Site and City Landmark No. HS93-57 Friday November 2, 2007, 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

c. Report from Committees

History San José Collections Committee Commissioner Stabile, Liaison

Commissioner Stabile indicated interest in understanding environmental mitigation monitoring for educational exhibits required for loss of historic resources.

Coyote Valley Specific Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cunningham, Liaison

Commissioner Cunningham reported the group is currently focused on legal defensibility issues. In the last month nothing involving items of historic significance has been addressed by the Committee.

Japantown Survey Committee. Commissioner Lavelle, Liaison *No report* Pellier Park Committee. Vice Chair Colombe, Liaison No report

City of San José BART extension, Design, Art & Architecture Review. Chair Janke, Liaison No report

d. Report from Historic Landmarks Commission Subcommittees.

Design Review Committee (DRC).
Commissioners Janke, Colombe and Cunningham, members
No October Meeting
Next Meeting November 14, 2007

GP Update Taskforce Progress Report
Vice Chair Colombe and Commissioner Thacker –

Commissioner Colombe attended the 10/13/07 Envision 2040 Workshop

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of former Historic Landmark Commissioner and San Jose State University Professor David Aiken.

2007 HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
No Meeting in January January 17, 2007 January 26, 2007	12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee m. HLC Retreat	Room T-550 Room T-1654
February 7, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Special Meeting/DRC Subcommittee	Room W118/119
February 21, 2007	12:00 p.m.		ee Room T-550
March 7, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Room W118/119
March 21, 2007	12:00 p.m.	Special Meeting	Room T-550
April 4, 2007	5:00 p.m.	Special Session	Room T-332
April 4, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Room W118/119
April 18, 2007	12:00 p.m.	Design Review Subcommittee	No Meeting
May 2, 2007	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting (Early Start Time) Design Review Subcommittee	Room W118/119
May 16, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
June 6, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee	Room W118/119
June 20, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
July 11, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee	Room W120
July 18, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
August 1, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee	Room W118/119
August 15, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
September 5, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee	Room W118/119
September 19, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
October 3, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Room W118/119
October 17, 2007	12:00 p.m.	Cancelled	Room T-550
November 2, 2007	11:30 a.m.	Retreat Regular Meeting Special HLC Mtg./DRC Mtg.	15480 Union Ave.
November 7, 2007	6:00 p.m.		Room W118/119
November 14, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
December 5, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Design Review Subcommittee	Room W118/119
December 19, 2007	12:00 p.m.		Room T-550
January 9, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Room W118/119

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11-7-07synopsis

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- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
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CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)

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 - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
 - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
 - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
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